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For your family, for your community

Your State Representative
17th District

Deb Wallace



Dear Neighbors,

I hope this Community Action Report finds you well. This mailing includes helpful ideas from the three Community Action Forums I held this year on preventing identity theft, getting children ready for school, and achieving educational success. I hope you'll join me on **January 5 at Cascade Middle School** for the next forum on fighting and preventing crimes associated with meth. Meth use affects people of all ages and incomes. Learn what we can all do to put an end to meth use and the crimes that support this killer addiction.

Best regards,

Deb Wallace

STAY CONNECTED

During the upcoming legislative session call, write or e-mail your opinions on topics such as the WASL reforms, energy conservation, health care, transportation, job creation and other hot topics.

Call: 360-256-0689 or toll-free hot-line to Olympia: 1-800-562-6000

E-mail: Wallace.Deb@leg.wa.gov
Email is a great way to reach me and I love hearing from you!

Visit my website:

hdc.leg.wa.gov/members/wallace

- Read and respond to my online journal (blog)
- Follow news about bills I am working on to improve our state government
- Contact me with your questions or ideas
- Find Clark County, state government, and other helpful resources



Protect Your Identity

***Actions you can take to prevent Identity Theft –
Make it a New Years Resolution!***



Everyone is entitled to one free credit report per year. In the past consumers had to send in a written request, but now can receive it online: **www.annualcreditreport.com**

To “opt-out” of having pre-approved credit offers sent to one’s home, call 1-888-567-8688.

To stop telemarketers, register for the Do Not Call list at: 1-888-382-1222 or **www.donotcall.gov**

Check out my website if you suspect you are a victim of ID theft, for the six steps you should take immediately to protect your assets: **<http://hdc.leg.wa.gov/members/wallace>**

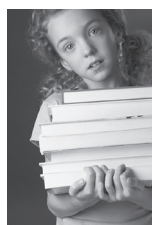
Credit “Security Freeze”

You have the right to put a “security freeze” on your credit file if you are a victim of identity theft or your personal information has been compromised in such a way that you could become a victim. Learn more at:

www.atg.wa.gov/consumer/idprivacy/security_freeze.shtml

I am planning to run a bill to allow you to “freeze” your credit file even if you haven’t been a victim of identity theft. Beat the criminal to the punch by protecting your credit before it becomes a problem.

Ready to Learn



Did you know that...

- 90% of brain growth occurs before kindergarten?
- Children who participate in early learning programs are more likely to get better grades and achieve social success.
- Kindergarten teachers in our state report that 56% of incoming students are not adequately prepared for school?

Here’s a few ideas from the Community Action Forum on early learning.

Learning to Read: Information on age-appropriate books, fun activities that help build literacy skills, and more from the U.S. Department of Education:

www.ed.gov/parents/academic/help/reader

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Our local libraries are working hard to help parents and kids improve their reading skills. Learn more at the Fort Vancouver Regional Library: www.fvrl.org/kids

Parents as Teachers: Our local Educational Service District (ESD 112) can provide information on helping children learn, such as Kindergarten Readiness Kits: www.esd112.org/parents

Clark County Early Learning Programs: Information about local early learning programs from SELF (Support for Early Learning and Families), a partnership of 20 local government and non-profit agencies to promote early learning: www.selfcouncil.org

Preparing Students for the 21st Century

Community Action Forum Tips for Succeeding in School and Preparing for the WASL

We need to prepare our children so they can be successful living in a 21st Century economy. Our schools must be rigorous in challenging our kids, and relevant so kids see their education as valuable to their future. Our schools also need to build relationships with kids to strengthen their commitment to actively participate in their education. The bottom line is we want to prepare our students with the tools to succeed in whatever post-high school path they choose. It is because **I believe the education of our children is so important that I have requested to be placed on the House Education Committee beginning in January.** Washington State has important changes to make to help our kids achieve a bright future in our global economy.

Parents seeking information on the WASL, graduation requirements, higher education, school report cards and more can find it at the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction's Parent website: www.k12.wa.us/parents.aspx

For homework help resources:

<http://access.wa.gov/education/homework.aspx> or www.factmonster.com

The state can help you save for your child's college tuition. Find out how: www.get.wa.gov

Need to reach your child's school?

Evergreen School District: www.egreen.wednet.edu

Battle Ground School District: www.bgsd.k12.wa.us

Hockinson School District: www.hock.k12.wa.us

Clark County Skills Center: www.cc-sc.com



The Meth-Crime Connection

Meth is easy to get, cheap to buy and easy but dangerous to make – and it kills. Learn what to look for and how to protect your family. Learn first hand from people who have used this insidious drug and from investigators from the Clark County drug task force.

I'm introducing legislation this coming session to fight meth in Clark County by restricting the supply of ingredients used to cut imported meth and those used to make meth locally.



Community Action Forum on combating crimes associated with meth use and production, such as identity and property theft: **Thursday, January 5, 2006 at Cascade Middle School (13900 NE 18th St. Vancouver) at 6:30 p.m.**

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